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## Dysart approved for \$2.8M grant for bioheat system

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A wood-fuelled heating system for downtown Haliburton is a step closer to reality after the municipality of Dysart et al was approved for a \$2.8 million grant from the province toward the project.

Back in September, after hearing a presentation from Jamie Stephen of Torchlight Bioresources Inc., council passed a resolution to apply for a grant from the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge Fund, which operates with revenues from the province's cap and trade system.

The system would involve a central energy centre, where wood chips would be burned in specialized equipment, heating water in a boiler, that water then distributed throughout a series of underground pipes providing heat and water heating to buildings in the downtown area of Haliburton Village.

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### Drop the Mic

Sam Olliffe sings a self-written song during the evening of talent at HHSS on April 18. The event was a fundraiser for this year's prom. More on page 5.  
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



## Health inspection records to be published online

JENN WATT

Editor

By July 1, residents in Haliburton County will be able to go online to find

information on health inspection results from restaurants, hair and beauty salons and recreational water facilities.

Responding to new requirements from the province, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is developing HKPR CheckINspection, which is a web-

site that will contain two years' worth of inspection results as well as the business location and type of operation.

"The new rules coming into effect on July 1 will increase awareness about

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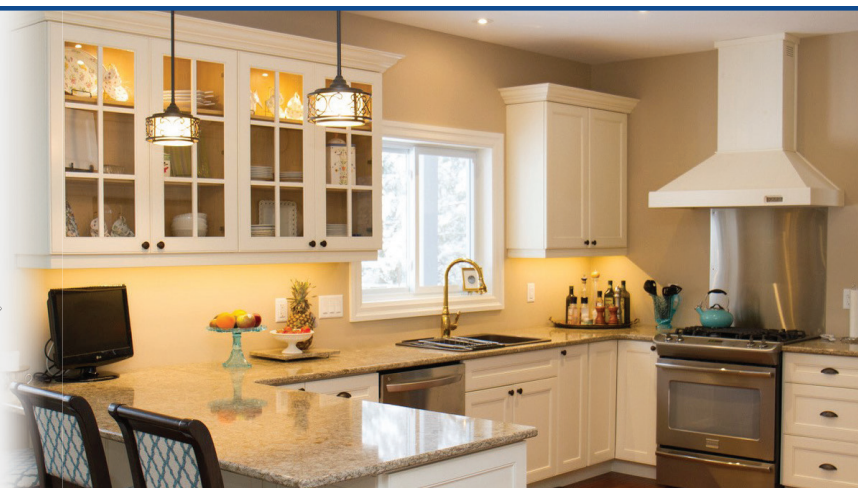
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# Municipality would own infrastructure

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At an April 23 council meeting, Stephen, who drew up the grant application on behalf of the township said the grant represented about half of the costs to develop the project.

"That was a central component of the bioheat project moving ahead," he said. Stephen seemed optimistic a federal grant would help top up that amount.

The municipality would own the system's infrastructure, and a utility, governed by a corporation with a board, would be responsible for the operation of the system. A public-private partnership, the municipality and a private consortium would split revenues 50/50 and each comprise half the composition of the board.

The project would ideally connect about 45 mostly commercial and municipal buildings in the downtown to the system.

Mayor Murray Fearrey wanted to know what kind of heating bills building owners would be looking at.

"Building owners are going to want to know what the cost is going to be before they sign onto this," Fearrey said.

Until engineering and costing are completed, Stephen said it was not possible to offer an exact figure, but said the goal is to reduce heating bills by up to 30 per cent.

"The goal is to make a substantial impact on the overall cost of heating," he said.

Stephen added that the more business owners who sign up to be part of the project, the less the cost will be for each. There would be no mandate for building owners to connect to the system, and they would still have their traditional heating system intact.

The wood chips used in the system would be purchased from Haliburton Forest under contract, and Stephen had identified an unused piece of property at the intersection of Maple Avenue and York Street, beside the library parking lot, as a potential location for the energy centre. Stephen had preliminary renderings of what the facility might look like.

"I would like to dispel any notion people might have about a giant power plant," Stephen said. The images depicted a relatively small one-storey building that would include a lot of glass elements, so passersby would be able to watch the process unfolding inside.

As for timelines, "This year is all about planning and permitting and getting final costing," Stephen said.

The hope is for a building schedule to be finalized in the summer of 2019, and a public meeting on the project is to be held in the future.

# Echo wins general excellence award

The *Haliburton County Echo* placed first for general excellence in its circulation category in the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition.

Placements of first, second and third were revealed at a gala dinner in Richmond Hill on Friday, April 20.

General excellence takes into account the appearance of the front page, community content in the paper, editorial page quality, classified pages, advertising content and design and overall quality of the product.

"An impressive publication from start to finish," the judges wrote. "So many good stories, and the writers do a great job of going beyond reporting the news to illuminating what it means to the community. Strong writing from editor and columnists along with lots of elements make these pages an engaging read. A great clean layout made for a very readable publication with a good flow page to page. Photography was crisp and clever throughout exhibiting good control and use of light and composition. Best looking classified pages in the class. Local ad content and advertising features are well designed and there's lots of it, it's easy to see the community chooses this publication to advertise. The use of colour, even on

classified pages, helps advertisers stand out. An attractive paper overall."

The *Echo's* sister paper, the *Minden Times*, also placed first in its circulation category.

*Echo* columnist Steve Galea was awarded the Humour Columnist of the Year award for his writing with the judge noting: "Galea has an engaging voice and his narratives are genuinely funny. He has a satisfying knack for self-deprecation that makes him feel like the slightly kooky 'guy next door.'"

The paper's sports section placed third in the competition.

"Superior photography and use/placement of photos highlight this section," the judge wrote.

Robert Mackenzie's examination of the Highlands' resort industry, which was published in *County Life*, took home first place for best business story.

The *Minden Times* received several awards, including best feature story for "Growing up gay in Haliburton County," by Chad Ingram; and best spot news photo by Darren Lum of flooding in Minden.

*Times* columnist Jim Poling Sr. placed third in the Columnist of the Year category.

# New rules to help public make safe choices

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inspection results (including business closures), since all health unit inspection reports going back to the start of this year (Jan. 1, 2018) will be posted on a new public website," said Richard Ovcharovich, manager of environmental health with the HKPR Health Unit, via email.

"Inspection reports for a business from the previous two years will stay online, so there will be a history of past inspections – not just the most recent one – that local residents can access."

Currently, the only way a member of the public can find records of health inspections is to contact the health unit.

"We don't get a lot [of inquiries] right now, but people can contact the health unit to ask for current inspection reports for any business," Ovcharovich said.

The new rules are supposed to allow members of the public to make "safe and informed choices" when choosing where to shop. For businesses, the benefits include "showing customers that a business cares about protecting their health."

As inspectors visit businesses, they are informing them of the change and there have been drop-in sessions in Lindsay, Port Hope and Haliburton. Business owners can also call the health unit if they have questions.

"Most of the feedback we've heard so far from affected businesses is seeking clarification or more background on what will be required of them," Ovcharovich said.

Health inspectors check restaurants and other food establishments for hand washing, cooking at proper temperatures and cleanliness throughout. Frequency of visits is based on the risk level of a business. For example, a full-service restaurant is considered high-risk and is inspected every four months. A low-risk food establishment, such as a convenience store, is inspected once

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— Richard Ovcharovich  
HKPR Health Unit

a year.

In beauty or body art establishments, inspectors check that anything used to pierce the ear is sterilized, that reusable instruments are disinfected, and that items like scalpels or needles are safely disposed, Ovcharovich said. Those businesses are inspected once a year, at least.

Water facilities include indoor and outdoor public pools and hot tubs, splash pads, water slides and wading pools. They are inspected to ensure the water is the proper temperature and clarity and has proper chemistry, that proper signage and emergency equipment is present and in good working order.

Ovcharovich said there is no warning given to businesses when an inspector is coming and that while the health unit works with businesses to help them understand the regulations, offering advice, "their biggest task and responsibility is to ensure the public's health is protected."

"They can issue warnings, write tickets, issue compliance orders, or closure orders if there is a significant risk to the public. When closure orders are issued, businesses must stay closed until all health hazards are fixed and confirmed to be in compliance by a public health inspector," he said.

More information about the new website will be available closer to the launch date.

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# Workers reach tentative deal following rallies

JENN WATT

Editor

On Wednesday during their lunch break, a group of workers from Haliburton Highlands Health Services waved to cars passing on Gelert Road outside the Haliburton facility, signs reading "Together for respect" hanging over their winter coats.

The group, under Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare, said they were outside to raise awareness about the negotiations with the Ontario Hospital Association and that their action was not about Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Among them, an RPN, support service worker, activity aide and laundry staff.

Over the weekend, the OHA met with the unions and on Sunday morning ratified a tentative agreement, said Nancy Cowan, chief steward.

Rallies like theirs took place across the province with union members saying they wanted wage increases without concessions, pointing to maternity leave benefits and workplace violence prevention as key issues.

Asked by the paper about workplace violence measures, Carolyn Plummer, CEO of HHHS, said it is a top priority.

"At HHHS we take the safety of our staff very seriously, and we are committed to working collaboratively with staff to provide a safe work environment," she said.

"We have several policies in place to support a safe environment, such as a violence prevention policy, violence risk assessment policies, and a Code White procedure that provides guidelines for staff to follow during an event involving a violent person. In addition to policies we also have a variety of tools and other resources available to support staff, and we provide ongoing training to help staff recognize and de-escalate situations that could potentially lead to violence," she said.

Cowan said the next step is for members at individual health-care institutions to weigh in on the agreement between the unions and OHA.

"They will now proceed to a member vote in each hospital," she said on Monday.



Workers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services wave to passing cars during their lunch-hour rally outside the Haliburton location on April 18. About 75,000 members of a three-union coalition rallied around the province to raise awareness that their contract negotiations had broken down with the Ontario Hospital Association.



Members of SEIU from Haliburton Highlands Health Services held a rally outside the Haliburton location on Wednesday, April 18. They were raising awareness about negotiations with the Ontario Hospital Association. "By doing these actions at these hospitals, LTCs (long-term care units), we are hoping to put pressure on the OHA to give us a fair deal," Nancy Cowan, chief steward at HHHS said in a media release. /JENN WATT Staff

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Jorja Hie impressed the crowd with a set showing off drum skills and a fun sense of humour.



Brendan Taylor took centre stage for his solo performance near the end of the night.



Aidan Coles and Nick Toth performed a skit evoking every type of cheese imaginable that got the audience laughing.

# Fan favourites back for Forest Festival

Organizers of this summer's Forest Festival announced the musical lineup last week and it includes some familiar faces. Susan Aglukark, Sarah Harmer, Cowboy Junkies, Rob Lutes, Sultans of String, BMC Organ Trio with guest Ian Hendrickson-Smith and Leahy are among the acts coming to Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve during the week of

Aug. 15 to 19. Performances will be held at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre and the Logging Museum.

Organizers said they expect several of the shows to sell out quickly. More information can be found at [www.theforestfestival.com](http://www.theforestfestival.com). You can also buy your tickets on the website.



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## Strength of papers

ONE OF THE most enjoyable parts of attending the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards gala is seeing what other papers are up to. Reading the top three stories in each competition category inspires and challenges you as a journalist to try something new, or take on a bigger project.

But over the last decade, the number of newspaper operations competing has dropped and some of the familiar faces are there no longer.

When the team from the *Echo* and *Times* attended the event back in, say, 2009, we would arrange to sit at a table with the *Lindsay Post* and chat with the staff there about their year in reporting. *The Post* closed in 2013.

This year, as we watched the presentation of awards, more papers were notably absent. Thirty-four papers were shuttered in southern Ontario in November following a newspaper swap between Torstar and Postmedia.

Since the nomination deadline was late-October, some of the winning entries were from papers that no longer exist. *The Belleville News* was first place for Online Special Project/Event/Breaking News Coverage, despite the paper being closed last year. The awards website doesn't have a link to their entry because there is no website to see.

And yet, despite the losses, closures and layoffs, incredible work was done last year.

Reporter of the Year went to Jeff Morris of the *Manotick Messenger*, who among other things helped the police with a cold case in his community, sparked by the discovery of a human jawbone in the rubble of a new development.

There was a stunning feature photo in *The Independent* (in the Petrolia

area) of a tractor blazing through the twilight, lights on as the driver worked furiously to spray his crop outside of Alvinston, Ont. *The Mississauga News* placed first for a series on restaurant cockroach infestations in Peel Region. The best rural story came out of Uxbridge, exploring downtown survey results in a colourful, two-page spread filled with interesting tidbits and important stats.

As amazing as Facebook is for sharing photos and news with friends, it just can't replace this kind of reporting and the diligence required to put together a thorough, accurate account

of issues important to the community.

Over the years, advertising dollars have drained from local (and national) media to online markets such as Facebook.

"Of the \$5.5 billion spent on internet advertising in Canada in 2016, an estimated 72 per cent went to Google and Facebook, according to the Canadian Media Concentration Research Project," writes John Miller, professor emeritus at Ryerson University School of Journalism, on TVO.org.

The scope of the problem is wide – much bigger than Haliburton or Ontario or even Canada.

But the easiest way to support good journalism is to subscribe to the papers you love. Prefer to read online? Buy a subscription to an e-edition. For those papers with a paywall, if you value the work they're doing and the product they put out, show them that.

Newspapers play a vital role in democracy and community well-being. The situation may be dire, but it's not a done deal. As the OCNA gala demonstrated, there are still plenty of strong, creative, vibrant newspapers out there reporting on their communities. They need to be supported.



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Spring feeding

by Darren Lum

## The flow of energy

THE YOGIS HAVE always said "where the attention goes the breath follows, and the energy or life force follows the breath." The life force or energy is called prana and it is what makes everything live. It makes our hearts beat, our stomachs digest food, the sun rise and flowers grow.

In order to thrive, the yogis would say that we need an abundance of prana moving through our bodies and in our lives. So, for example, when you put your attention on your own health and well being the prana will follow and something will happen. Or when you put your attention and your energy on your children there will be an impact.

Over the past few months I've been following the successes of our kids at SBES, JDHES and HHSS.

Every week there have been many good news stories in the paper. I don't remember all of the exact details but I do know that a lot has been happening.

It's obvious that there is a lot of attention and energy being given to many different parts of the schools. At JDHES the boys won their volleyball season this year. A team of students from JDHES won the board wide math Olympiad and will go on to represent TLDSB at the provincial competition in June.

The JDHES curling team won first, second, fourth and sixth at the provincial elementary school championships.

The Battle of the Books team recently did well at their competition and the basketball teams are playing well as well. At HHSS I have followed how a number of teams have gone to compete at OFSAA such as wrestling,

volleyball, badminton and snowboarding. The basketball, curling and hockey teams all did well. HHSS won the board-wide "Great Grain Challenge" by collecting the most about of donations per person for our local food banks.

Recently I saw pictures of teachers eating bugs and getting taped up in blue tape for the Light It Blue for Autism Day. The students had raised \$1,262 and teachers had agreed to do all kinds of things if the students met their goal. There is plenty of life

force moving around in those buildings thanks to the efforts of teachers, administrators, support staff and the willing students. I feel like we all thrive when our kids thrive.

I have a personal story of a young man thriving in my life. Some of you may remember when I wrote in 2016 about my then 28-year-old nephew who had created a hockey commercial for the playoffs.

It was called Hockey Dreams and was a tribute to four great hockey players and kids who aspire to be like them. Cameron has a second commercial being played this year during the playoffs and it is also called Hockey Dreams. It is a 30-second Scotiabank commercial that has kids playing street hockey and a young girl is commenting while another young girl scores a goal.

"Holy mackinaw they are going to the playoffs." I'm sure Cameron's dad had no idea that when he spent hundreds of hours as a volunteer hockey coach that it would have an impact on Cameron's future work. He just put his attention on Cameron and the rest happened. Where we put our attention our energy goes.

Tales from  
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## Green meadow

# points of view

## Legal at last

**“WHY ARE YOU so happy?”** Jenn asked.  
 “Well,” I said, “this year, I don’t think I’m going to feel so bad about our front lawn.”  
 “Why the heck not?” she snapped.  
 “I heard the government is planning to legalize weed,” I said.  
 “Really?” she said. “You are only now aware of this?”  
 “Yes,” I answered. “I overheard a couple of young fellows talking about it at the coffee shop and they seemed awfully excited about it too.”

Up till that moment, I was sure Jenn was far more aware of current events than me. But the look on her face led me to believe that everything I just said shocked her completely. Suddenly, and perhaps for the first time, I knew what it was like to be the smart one in the room. So I took that fleeting opportunity to dazzle her with my in-depth knowledge of current events.

“Do you happen to know which weed they plan on legalizing?” I asked. “God I hope it’s dandelion! Puhleeze... let it be dandelion!”

“Weeds are not illegal in the first place,” Jenn said flatly.

“Well then, smarty pants, why do I always hear passersby say our lawn is a crime?” I countered.

Again, she went eerily silent.  
 “Plus, if weeds aren’t illegal why would the government go to all that trouble to legalize them?” I continued.

Jenn gave me a strange look and then said, “You really don’t pay attention much past the news headlines, do you?”

“Why would I?” I answered. “I’m pretty sure I got the gist of it.”

“Right...” she said. Unless I am mistaken, it was the first time she ever agreed with me.

What she said about me relying solely on headlines was true, however.



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galea

## Loon Tales

After the incident at the coffee shop, I picked up a national paper and skimmed the headlines to learn even more about the issue. And let me tell you it was interesting.

According to one headline, the federal government plans on legalizing weed later this year. Also, a quick perusal of other headlines suggested that some people are against this. But, then again, a whole lot of people seemed to be really happy about it. Really, really happy. Who knew there were so many dandelion fans?

At that point I thought, what else does an informed citizen need to know? And then another headline told me more.

It said that individuals like me would be able to grow and keep a small bit of weeds for personal consumption – so I didn’t need to read further to understand they were talking about either dandelion or pigweed. And, if I read yet another headline correctly, all sorts of people are hoping to make a lot of money selling the stuff legally too.

That’s when an idea struck me.

“We should sell a little weed when they finally make it legal,” I said. “I could be the Weed King of Haliburton!”

“Don’t ever say that in public” she replied.

“Why not?” I said. “We grow a ton of dandelions each year and apparently there’s going to be a market for it.”

“Look, they are definitely not talking about dandelions,” Jenn said.

“It’s OK,” I answered. “We grow a lot of pigweed too. You know, I heard people say that it has medicinal value. Ha! It kind of makes you wonder what the heck they have been smoking.”

That’s when Jenn explained what was on the other side of those headlines.

It turns out I was wrong about dandelions and pigweeds. Go figure.

In case, you aren’t a brainiac who actually reads the fine print, the weed they are talking about is marijuana – which, for the record, is something I do not and have never grown on my front lawn.

In fact, if truth were to be told, I’m not a big fan of this particular weed. Though, between you and me, I suspect it would make lawn care a whole lot easier.



## pic of the past

In this week’s pic of the past, Chesele Stevens holds the remains of his pants. The caption on the back reads “House struck by lightning & tore house & Chesele in a chair was hit & this is what it did to his pants.” Robert Chesele Stevens was born in 1891 and died in 1967; he was the son of Alfred and Emma Stevens (nee Sisson). While the photo is undated, he appears to be in his 30s, so the staff at the Haliburton Highlands Museum guesses the photo to be taken sometime in the 1920s. They are not sure where the photo was taken – a Stevens home in Stanhope or a Sisson home in Guilford? /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

## letters to the editor

### Residents beware Dover’s Spring Rd

To the Editor,

Now that spring is finally arriving, the improvements to Highway 118 will be completed.

It is good to see the improvements, but even over the winter with the improvements to date, the traffic has increased in average speed especially when travelling west.

The 50 km/hr speed limit does not come into play until well past (west of) the entrance of the above roadway and residents and traffic entering onto 118 do not, in my opinion, have a clear vision to the east to ensure a safe entry onto 118. Most of

the time westbound vehicles come off the hill at speeds well in excess of the 80 km posting. This is especially the case with regard to large trucks.

The municipality is the owner of “Dover’s Spring” road (Fred Jones Road) and to protect the users it should ensure that the speed limit reduction is well east of this entrance and possibly at the top of Dover’s Hill.

The danger does not need a “study.” It is self evident.

David M. Bishop  
Haliburton

### Understanding brave decision

To the Editor,

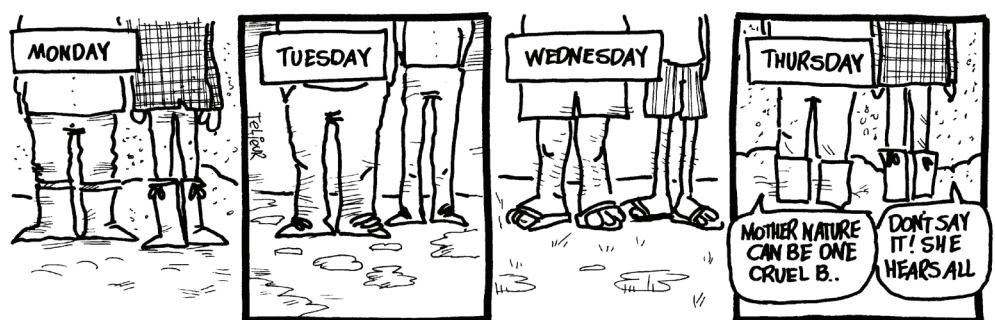
I would like to commend staff reporter Sue Tiffin for her compassionate and beautifully written report about Bob and Noreen Bishop.

I write as a long-time friend of them both. The word “shock” is often over used, but it best describes how I felt after receiving the news of their parting.

The next feeling I had was a lingering memory when Marie and I visited them last summer. After saying our goodbyes we both felt the dignity of two very special human beings. We thank the *Echo* and the family for helping us to understand and accept their brave decision.

Tom Hodgson

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# Haliburton sets tone for future Dramatic Arts Days

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton hosted what is expected to be the inaugural Trillium Lakelands District School Board Dramatic Arts Day several weeks ago at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The daylong event offered participating teachers and students from Grade 4 to 6 from seven schools in TLDSB the opportunity to grow and develop as well as work toward making communities better using the dramatic arts.

The programming started with an improv game led by the HHSS Grade 10 drama class. The same class of students continued the day as "helpers" to the participants during the two workshops held to develop their creativity, confidence, curriculum knowledge and drama/movement skills. The participants enjoyed short performances from each of the schools attending based on the theme of building a community. Included among the schools was Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The main message was that people are more alike than different.

TLDSB's elementary curriculum/arts consultant and event organizer Jelynn Sornberger said the day went well, as evidenced by the feedback from the participating educators and students, who were positive and enthusiastic.

"I believe that we met all our goals: building community across TLDSB, partnering elementary and high school, celebrating the dramatic arts, professional development in the dramatic arts, building confidence, creativity and risk taking in students, giving students opportunity to perform and experience a dramatic experience on a real stage and bring to light important community building issues such as equity, inclusion, anti-bullying and active citizenship," she wrote in an email.

ASES teacher Lorie Reddering participated in the event and said it was better than expected. She appreciated how the HHSS drama students engaged the visit-

ing students.

"The inclusion of the Grade 10 students built a relationship within our community of schools. The Grade 4-6 students got to see how the older students were willing to be confident and try things in front of an audience. This made them more willing to do the same," she wrote in an email. "It was an idea that I've had in my mind for about five years, but it was Jelynn Sornberger that made it happen. She is the arts consultant for the board. I wanted to start a day for kids that are interested in dramatic arts."

This first time offering included not just HHSS, but also Lindsay's I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

The event celebrates what the arts can do for students, said Sornberger.

"The arts nurture imagination, innovation and collaboration while spreading joy. We wanted to celebrate what makes TLDSB a place to grow and flourish. Our hope is that we can build students' self-confidence so that they are inspired to create and express their individuality while feeling like they have a safe place where they belong," she wrote.

This event was open to the first 10 schools that applied.

In the future there is a possibility to open the event up to older students such as from area high schools, Sornberger said.

"If we introduce and spark interest in dramatic arts in the junior grades the enthusiasm and confidence will continue on through intermediate and high school years," she wrote.

Following the event it wasn't long before the teachers and students were "buzzing excitedly about next year."

"Schools loved being brought together from the different regions of TLDSB but it was a long bus trip for some of our students. So we need to perhaps consider changing the location each time to make it equitable or run the day multiple times in a couple locations," she wrote.

"We are hoping to apply for a grant to help out with cost to run the day to make this opportunity available to all schools that would like to attend."

## Police respond to 93 calls

Over the last week, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to 93 calls including five animal complaints, two break and enter calls, one noise complaint, nine traffic complaints and 10 motor vehicle accidents, three of which were due to deer. There were 23 RIDE checks in the area.

### Impaired driver charged

A 41-year-old Minden Hills woman was charged with impaired driving and having too much alcohol in her blood following a RIDE check on Bobcaygeon Road.

The incident took place April 22, police say, at about 8:30 p.m. OPP stopped a black van and officers found the driver had been drinking.

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice on June 6. She was also issued a 90-day driver's licence suspension and

her vehicle was impounded for seven days.

### Traffic stop leads to multiple charges

A 30-year-old Trent Lakes man was charged with driving while disqualified, failing to comply with a probation order, driving while suspended, driving an off-road vehicle with no number plate and driving an off-road vehicle with no insurance after being stopped by police on April 21.

According to the OPP, the man was observed by an officer on patrol just after 7:30 p.m. on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden Hills. His off-road side-by-side had no licence plate.

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 6.

# Cuddle up with photographs

IT WAS APRIL 9, 2017, when the first of the spring bulbs poked out from the winter detritus. Bold, yellow winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*) were a welcome sight after the months of snow. By the middle of the month I had cleaned out the garden shed, cut down the ornamental grasses by the front door and moved some sun-starved tender perennials into the greenhouse to harden off.

Consequently, on April 9 of this year, I was ready to see blooms. There were those two lovely, warm days at the end of March so I felt confident that we would have an early spring. Then, as my friend Donna said, "Mother Nature had a hissy-fit" and any signs of the new season were buried under 10 inches of snow and ice. It is times like this that photo albums keep me sane.

Reviewing the successes of last year in the garden would be the perfect task during an ice storm so I pulled the chair in front of the wood stove, grabbed my reading glasses and a hot chocolate and turned to the electronic pages on my laptop.

The Weather Network had predicted more precipitation than normal for 2017 and they were correct. My usual reliance on drought tolerant plants had backfired and I was instead trying to avoid rotting and mildew. The overall takeaway from 2017 – gravel is good.

In past musings, I have complimented the Haliburton topography, attributing the survival of many exotic perennials to the sloping landscape of this property. Mid-winter melts run off the plant crowns and away from dormant bulbs. But it is not only the slope; it is the wonderful porous nature of our soil. You see, plants not only need dirt, they also need air! If the air pockets between the soil elements fill with water, the plants drown. This drowning is the usual cause of death of houseplants, too, but that is the subject of another day.

I did have some monumental failures last year, primarily in the vegeta-

ble garden. You read about my dismal tomato and pepper harvest last fall when I lamented having to purchase produce for making salsa. Cauliflower, broccoli and "million bells" were also a big bust. However, as I flip through the photo pages I am struck by beautiful blooms, made more stunning by water droplets on the petals and low light conditions (read: rain and clouds).

Early in the season, the perfectly named snowdrops appear. Although members of the daffodil family, they are not brilliant yellow. Instead, it is the delicate green and white flowers that scream spring. Tolerating late snow and heavy

rain, these bulbs have spread nicely in the gravel of our terrace garden. It is estimated that there are over 1,000 varieties of this subtle little flower and they are highly collected in the United Kingdom. In fact, the collectors are called "galanthophiles" after the botanical name *Galanthus sp.* As happens with most collectors and their objects of desire, frenzy can be created. In 2012 a single snowdrop bulb sold for £360.

That is about \$647 in today's exchange.

A perennial that has taken to the well-drained gravel of the property is *Lathyrus vernus*, or spring vetchling. This pretty little cousin of vegetable peas should be more popular. It is a clump-forming plant that grows in sun to part shade and only gets to be about 16" tall. The foliage is crisp green and like most of the pea family, is fairly disease and insect proof. I grow the pale pink form but I would love to find the maroon variety. Sweet peas, also related, appear on several deer resistant plant lists but I cannot promise the spring vetchling won't be munched.

The final example of a plant that excelled in 2017 due to the great drainage is the Mediterranean native, *Acanthus mollis*, commonly called bear's breeches or oyster plant. Plants from the Mediterranean region are generally well adapted to the shallow, nutrient deficient soil that lies over the Canadian Shield. Culinary



Belinda Gallagher

## Garden Musings



Winter aconites are a welcome sight after months of snow.

herbs like sage, thyme, oregano and lavender are perfect examples. The only choice restriction is hardiness.

Bear's breeches are reliably hardy in Zone 6, so I considered them a real gamble in our Zone 4 cold, but oddly enough, it is the drainage and snow cover that has made the plant a true survivor here. And it is precisely the same drainage that saved the plant from rotting last summer. Remarkably, it was the best flowering I have seen in the seven years we have lived in Tory Hill.

Tall spikes of architectural, yet alien-looking blooms rose from rosettes of

large, glossy green serrated leaves. The leaves are so distinctive that they are used as a motif in jewelry, art and buildings. Corinthian columns of the fourth century Greco-Roman empire sport acanthus leaves on the crown and apparently the poet Virgil wrote that Helen of Troy wore robes with embroidered acanthus leaves. Quite the heady history for a plant leaf, don't you think?

There are scores more photographs to review; all reminding me that soon the snow and ice will melt away and the better side of Mother Nature will reveal itself.



Spring vetchling grows in sun to part shade and only gets about 16 inches tall.


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# Theatre program gives kids 10 to 14 an early start

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

It's common to hear celebrated thespians on awards shows looking back at influences in their younger years to thank the people and programs that gave them the skills they needed to succeed.

Perhaps one day we'll hear an acknowledgement to the Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program, held for the past few summers in Haliburton County. Or maybe alumni of the program will pursue a path other than theatre, and simply use their experience to live a more creative life.

The four-week program, an initiative through the Highlands Summer Festival, begins in July. About half the spots this year – the fifth year the program will run – have already been filled with kids aged 10 to 14.

"We use theatre-related games and exercises to develop skills," said Scot Denton, the artistic producer of the Highlands Summer Festival since 2008. "Those skills are teamwork; focus; storytelling; and this is a tricky one to describe, we try to get them to understand that their response to things like stories and events is valid on its own. That's a complicated thing ... but it's the basis of art, really, and creativity."

The program helps encourage kids to connect with their own creativity through games and exercises, often in groups.

Denton leads the program with two instructors who come from performance-based programs (such as those offered through George Brown, Sheridan College, or Ryerson University). The instructors also perform in the summer festival program, and students in the Early Stages program are able to watch a rehearsal where they can see their own instructor learning. Students are also offered comp tickets for themselves to attend the Highlands Summer Festival performances as theatregoers.

"They have fun," said Denton. "Sometimes two or three of them come together, and they get the chance to speak to the actors."

At the end of the Early Stages program, the participants present their work through performances that include theatre scenes or movement pieces.

"Movement pieces – it's not danc-

ing, it's a story set to music," said Denton. "What you see is people telling a story with physicality, like a scene where nobody talks but something is happening. They learn the value of the inner experience for themselves. If you are experiencing something, people will know what is happening to you, they will see it."

To date, Denton said the program, which can include up to 16 participants, has been fun and also worthwhile for participants.

"They get a lot out of it, and much of what they get, they don't even know," said Denton, who suspects many students will look back years later and realize how the course had helped to shape them.

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*Often they just think they're like everybody else. They don't realize how unique they are.*

— Scot Denton  
Artistic producer

The Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program was developed as part of the Highlands Summer Festivals' mandate to include young people, and teach them the value of theatre. Denton said the 10 to 14 age-range is an "amazing age for kids."

"They're incredibly creative and they don't know," said Denton. "Often they just think they're like everybody else. They don't realize how unique they are."

The Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program for young performers runs from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, from July 3 to July 26 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. Kids aged 10 to 14 are welcome to enrol in the program, which costs \$215. Participants bring their own lunch to eat during the daytime program. In the past, bursaries to attend the program have been available.

To secure a spot, contact Scot Denton at 416-486-5008 or Melissa Stephens at 705-455-2366.

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ple of the area, and the built environment using traditional, contemporary, and abstract approaches. Paintings are for sale.

The opening reception is April 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. Wine and finger food will be served. Show hours are Thursday to Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

For a map or more information go to [www.haliburtonarts.on.ca](http://www.haliburtonarts.on.ca) or [www.carolefinnartist.com](http://www.carolefinnartist.com). Call 705-457-8033 or 705-457-2404 for more information.

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Director Scot Denton, left, actor/vocalist James Frantowski and actor/vocalist/choreographer Beth Robertson taught Early Stages two year ago. This apprenticeship theatre program for local 10- to 14-year-olds forms part of the Highlands Summer Festival experience. /File photo

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# Company filling casting call in Highlands

JENN WATT

Editor

From beginning to end, the process of casting jewelry can take more than 24 hours. Even if the model for a ring, for instance, has already been created, the series of steps and stages, using expensive and specialized equipment can make the process inconvenient at best.

It's not something students typically have much time to do on their own, says Daniel Wright, who has made a business in Haliburton offering artisan jewelry and casting.

Wright is a graduate of the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program at Haliburton School of Art + Design and works for their blacksmithing program.

From his experience as a student, Wright says there wasn't enough time for most students to immerse themselves in the art of casting. However, plenty of artists create pieces that could easily lend themselves to replication.

He saw a niche.

"Casting is a tremendous part of jewelry, because you could spend 100 hours on a ring and you'll never make your money back because you just can't sell it for enough. But if you can make a mould and make multiples then you can make more. And, of course expand your audience," says Wright, sitting behind the glass countertop at his home business, Clear Mind, Jewellery and Casting Services on Highway 118 just outside of Haliburton.

He and his partner Shannon Schutt, also an artist, have set up a studio space with creations on display and the tools of the trade installed with all of the appropriate safety precautions.

As Wright explains, casting jewelry is time consuming and requires specialized knowledge of not only the equipment, but also the composition of various metals.

He has two large sheets of paper attached to the wall with various mathematical equations, casting temperatures and metal gravity.

Wright got into working with metal through the VCAD program, which introduced him to several art forms.

"I tried the blacksmithing course and I can make tools for jewelry, I can make tools for blacksmiths, I can make tools for carpenters and things I haven't even heard of," he says, "That segued into the jewelry."

Making jewelry was similar to working as a blacksmith, but there were fewer logistical hurdles, he says.

"What I quickly learned about the jewelry was I could sell a diamond ring for more or as much as a custom railing without the need for building code and big welders and help and cranes and installation and all that stuff," he says.

And when he's casting, he can make many items at



Artist Daniel Wright works on a model at his home studio in Haliburton. Wright recently launched his new business, Clear Mind Artisan Jewellery and Casting Services. You can reach him at 705-394-4145 or by email ClearMindMetals@gmail.com. /JENN WATT Staff

once.

While he imagines his customers will largely be college students or fellow artists, Wright says he can also help any member of the public with questions about producing jewelry. For example, if someone has a ring in silver that they'd like in gold, he can help them do that.

And if he can't help with a customer's request, Wright says he is happy to refer them to other services or give them advice.

He also sells his own creations, which can be found on ClearMindCasting Etsy, Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram. To find out more or to consult with Wright, call 705-394-4145 or email ClearMindMetals@gmail.com.



Artist Daniel Wright stands behind his display case at his home studio in Haliburton. The former Haliburton School of Art + Design student has opened a new business called Clear Mind, which offers casting and artisan jewelry.

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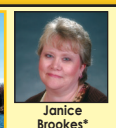
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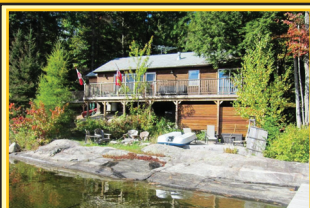


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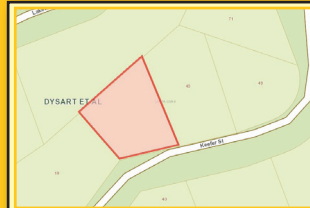


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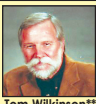


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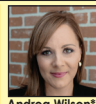


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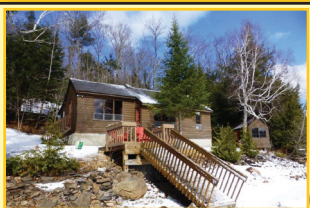
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# Taking care of taxes

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

From the end of February, right through to the end of April, Marlene Watson's family and friends know where to find her – surrounded by piles of tax returns.

This is the 13th year Watson has volunteered her time – hours and hours of it – devoted to helping local residents file their income tax returns through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program she leads. She co-ordinates the Canada Revenue Agency program and space to run it at weekly clinics in Haliburton and Wilberforce during tax season, advertises the clinics in local media and hopes residents come out for the free service. The session is available free to any eligible taxpayers who fit program criteria (Indigenous people; low-income individuals; social assistance recipients; newcomers to Canada; seniors; and students).

And those residents do come out in droves, bringing Watson what she estimates to be about 375 tax returns each tax season that she prepares herself.

"I just love working with the seniors, and helping them out," said Watson, who worked at Scotia Bank in Wilberforce as manager of operations for almost 30 years. "You get to know everybody. I really enjoyed working with customers and clients. And they all know me."

It's true – Watson, who celebrated her 80th birthday in January, and has lived in Haliburton County her entire life, is well-recognized by the people she helps. Some prefer to do their own tax returns, but still call her for help.

"This is my life," she agrees, laughing.

Besides the Haliburton and Wilberforce clinics she hosts, Watson also makes some house calls, including to residents at an apartment in Wilberforce. "I go to their activity room, and everybody comes to me, about 20 people," she said. "I bring their returns home, complete them, and the next week I take them back to them. They don't have to drive or anything, they get them delivered."

Some returns require just 15 minutes of time, while others might need about an hour. Despite the work it takes to file so many returns, Watson says she does look forward to it each year. She remembers repeat customers well, reminding them of what they are supposed to bring along or collect in advance – like a print out from the pharmacy of the medications they bought in a year – to help them qualify for as much of a return as possible. "I think I've got a lot of people trained on what they're supposed to bring," she laughed.

"Not only does she painstakingly prepare the returns, she routinely identifies benefits for which households may be eligible and helps them to file the necessary paperwork, such as the Disability Tax Credit which



Marlene Watson sits behind her desk in the Haliburton Legion on April 20. She helps local residents file their income tax returns through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. / JENN WATT Staff

could save people thousands of dollars," said Tina Jackson, co-ordinator of Heat Bank Haliburton County, who said she is sharing about Watson's efforts to help the "income tax program volunteer superstar" get much-deserved recognition for her long-time work as a devoted volunteer.

"At the surface, it seems very important work because we all need to file taxes, right?" said Jackson. "However, for low-income families and seniors, tax filing is also the link to many other income supports such as the Ontario Trillium Benefit, Canada Child Benefits, Senior's Homeowners' Property Tax Grant, Guaranteed Income Supplement, etc. Without Marlene, there are hundreds of households who likely would not be accessing all of the income supports and benefits they are eligible for and would end up experiencing a deeper level of poverty."

This year, Heat Bank has partnered with Watson to help link people with the OESP (Ontario Electricity Support Program) credit.

The heat bank program will provide her with an honorarium to help offset some of the printing costs of the tax program, which she generally supplies herself (Watson pays for her preferred tax program software, paper, ink refills, envelopes and her own travel, contributing about \$475 alongside her volunteer hours each year).

"I did help one woman in particular quite a bit with that, which I was pleased about," said Watson. "From

the OESP she was able to get an extra \$60 off her hydro bill every month. Then she got help from the Heat Bank with her oil bill. Now, assistance to help with repairs around her house. I was quite happy because she really needs it."

Watson said eventually, depending on her health, she won't be able to offer the program.

"They keep saying, 'I don't know what I'm going to do when you quit,'" she said. "'You can't quit.' Well, I say, maybe this will be my last year. 'Oh, it can't be. What would we do?'"

Ideally, said Watson, someone else would take over the program at that point.

In her downtime – outside of tax season – Watson said she enjoys the activities offered at her housing complex, and spending time with her two sons and their families. But she sees them during tax season, too.

"Oh yes," she laughs. "I do all of [their tax returns] except my son's in Bridgenorth. The other ones, I do them all. My son and his wife in Wilberforce, my grandchildren, and all my friends. My niece is coming, she'll bring hers, and her son's."

But it's time well spent for Watson.

"My eyes do sometimes go blurry," she said. "Some nights I've got to get away from the computer because my eyes just see double. It's a lot of work, a lot of work. But I do it for the pleasure of helping people."

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# Cooking en Français

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Expect the sweet and aromatic smell of cookies with that *je ne sais quoi* come the first week of May, as local elementary school students in Haliburton will be immersed in French culture.

Chef à l'École has been invited by Stuart Baker Elementary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School to inspire and educate students from April 30 to May 4.

The educational cooking program taught all in French offers a hands-on experience for students from Grade 1 to 8 in French immersion and for those taking core French, who will not only learn how to cook the French cookies, *Langues de Chat* (Cat Tongues), but will do it while learning about French culture and developing their French comprehension and speaking.

With funding from the participating schools and TLDSB, which granted the joint-school application through funding for French Student Opportunities via the Ministry of Education, the offering starts on the first day with the SBES Grade 1 to 3 students and then continues the rest of the week with JDHES students. Sessions will be from 75 to 100 minutes. There is a plan to have more volunteers per student for the younger students.

Senior kindergarten and Grade 1 SBES teacher Stephanie Ward took the lead in bringing this event to the Highlands and wanted a French experience for Haliburton students. Without much available locally, she thought of arranging a trip to travel outside the county. Rather than incurring the expense of travelling, bringing someone into Haliburton made the most financial sense. She got the idea from her co-organizer and JDHES teacher Ceri Jenkins, who had experience with the Chef à l'École while working in another school board.

Expectations will vary by French language capability determined by grade level, Ward said.

"I think for the younger students [from Grade 1 to 3] to have a sense of confidence that they are able to use words they know in French to communicate and apply them to context. We want the middle age [Grade 4 to 6] students to have a great time and just know that French isn't just academic and a school thing, as it opens doors and it allows you to have other experiences and enjoy yourself in other ways. For the older students [Grade 7 and 8], I think that it's good for them to see where other ways a second language can be used," she said.

Although all of the sessions will be in French regardless of the students' age or comprehension level, there will be visual aids and actions to help convey the meaning of words.

There was a concerted effort, she said, to provide students with an engaging experience.

"We wanted it to be an experience that they could participate in. We didn't look for something that they watched because they had those experiences more recently," she said, referring to spectator French events.

Chef à l'École has already sent both schools a package of support materials to help prepare students for the chef's arrival. It includes suggested vocabulary, such as action words, ingredients and tools used in the kitchen.

Along with a JDHES core French student, her class has already produced skits using vocabulary related to cooking and the kitchen.

The skit involves a mock French interaction between a student of hers and the older JDHES student while making cookies.

Ward is looking forward to seeing how it all comes together.

"We're excited. I can't wait to see what it's like," she said.

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Hawks host badminton championship

Red Hawks senior mixed doubles player Zac Shantz lines up for a forehand during the senior badminton Kawartha Championship on Wednesday, April 18 in Haliburton. Shantz was one of eight players, who competed at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted event, which showcased players from several area schools such as St. Peters Catholic Secondary School, Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute, Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School St. Marys Catholic Secondary School and I.E. Weldon Secondary School to name a few. The men’s doubles team of Owen Patterson-Smith and Ben Schmidt finished first in the event and advanced to COSSA. /DARREN LUM Staff

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- CLUES ACROSS

  - 1. Genus of beetles
  - 5. Time units (abbr.)
  - 8. Fiddler crabs
  - 11. Remove weapons from
  - 13. Express delight
  - 14. Energy
  - 15. Roman general
  - 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
  - 17. Mortgage group (abbr.)
  - 18. Parts
  - 20. Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
  - 21. Type of cloth
  - 22. Frankness
  - 25. Causes disgust or hatred
  - 30. A member of the British order of honor
  - 31. Folk singer Di Franco
  - 32. One's looks
  - 33. Provokes
  - 38. Partner of flow
  - 41. Japanese warrior
  - 43. Easy to perceive
  - 45. Meet with one's agreement
  - 47. Bird's jaw
  - 49. Ballplayer accessory
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Annoy
  - 2. Two-toed sloth
  - 3. Precipitation
  - 4. Barbary sheep
  - 5. Large stinging paper wasp
  - 6. Balkan country
  - 7. \_\_ Doherty, actress
  - 8. Arm bones
  - 9. Women's undergarment
  - 10. Genus of dabbling ducks
  - 12. Time zone
  - 14. Newts
  - 19. Sound unit
  - 23. Dab
  - 24. Puzzlement
- 25. Defensive nuclear weapon
  - 26. Actress Ling
  - 27. Natural solid material
  - 28. Burmese ethnic group
  - 29. Puts within
  - 34. Belonging to us
  - 35. They \_\_
  - 36. One of twelve sons of Jacob
  - 37. Grab a seat
  - 39. Rich fabric
  - 40. Fruits
  - 41. Very fast airplane
  - 42. Large primates
  - 44. Flammable jelly
  - 45. Less common
  - 46. Supplements with difficulty
  - 47. Chinese automotive company
  - 48. Every one of two or more things
  - 51. Swiss river
  - 52. Speak incessantly
  - 53. Italian Island
  - 54. Fighters against authority
  - 58. Egg of a louse

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Above, Red Hawks senior mixed doubles player Emily Klose, left, finishes her shot, picking up a low return with partner Zac Shantz, at back, looking on during the senior badminton Kawartha Championship on Wednesday, April 18 in Haliburton.

Right, Red Hawks senior mixed doubles player Denver Allore, left, serves with partner Dakota MacDonald looking on.



Red Hawks senior singles player Daniel Rivard returns a backhand during the senior badminton Kawartha Championship on Wednesday, April 18 in Haliburton.



Red Hawks senior doubles player Ben Schmidt returns a shot during the senior badminton Kawartha Championship.



Red Hawks senior doubles player Owen Patterson-Smith prepares to lunge for a short shot during the senior badminton Kawartha Championship.

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# Volunteers make the community

JENN WATT  
Editor

Volunteers came together at the Haliburton Curling Club on Sunday, April 22 for an appreciation lunch put on by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Mayor Murray Fearrey told the group, which was composed of volunteers from a range of committees and organizations, that the work they do keeps the community running.

"Sometimes politicians take credit for things they did or that's happening and quite frankly it's because of the volunteers. I recognized that a long time ago. There's a lot of projects we can't do, like the skateboard park, we couldn't do with-

out the volunteers and without community participation. I look at the Lions Club and Rotary Club and all the events they're having. That's what makes Haliburton and Dysart the community it is," he said.

He acknowledged members of the Harcourt community, who had been strong advocates for the new Harcourt Community Centre.

He told them that there "has been some glitches and we're working through them."

"It's been an aggravation and I want to thank some of the people here that have called me a couple of times," Fearrey said.

Ross Covert, president of the Harcourt Community Centre, thanked Fearrey for his work on the new building, which is to replace the one that burned down at the end of 2015.



Sean Pennylegion's friends lean toward him to make sure he's not cropped out of a photo, which he begrudgingly consents to. From left, volunteers Pennylegion, Tim Hagarty, Councillor Dennis Casey and Tina Hadley. /JENN WATT Staff



From left, Debbie Shatraw, Paul Rowbottom and Mary-Ellen Coghlan have lunch together at the volunteer appreciation event in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon.



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# Volunteers served sweet rewards

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It seems almost everyone in this area volunteers.

Some of them came out last Saturday for a free breakfast at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre served by Highlands East council members and staff.

Volunteers served by volunteers.

People came from Cardiff, Goo-derham, Highland Grove, Essonville, Wilberforce, Tory Hill – all parts of Highlands East for this tasty meal of pancakes smothered in maple syrup with sausages on the side.

Even orange juice as well as coffee and tea!

Yes, the food was good, the reception welcoming – all a fine acknowledgement of the tremendous contribution volunteers make in our communities.

Ron Barr, a lifelong resident of Goo-derham, has also been a volunteer and a participant in many activities in many parts of Haliburton County and beyond.

That his life has intersected with many was evident last Saturday as dozens of friends and relatives gathered in his home to celebrate his 80th birthday.

They came also to support him and his family as he continues his recovery from a stroke at Christmas time. Finally settled back in his home, therapy for him continues with emphasis on regaining speech.

Ron smiled a lot. He walked and stood to cut his birthday cake. He blew out the candles.

He smiled with joy as the crowd sang the birthday song and then “For He’s A Jolly Good Fellow.”

We wish him and his family well and hope that good friends will continue to drop by to encourage him, Elaine and all of his family with cheerful visits. Long days can be shortened when friends drop by.

Correction: In last week’s column I made a glaring error.

I had the wrong school year when transportation of students started from the Wilberforce-Tory Hill-Essonville area to the high school in Haliburton.

It was the school year 1948-49, not what I reported last week.

How could I have been so wrong? It was only when I was enjoying the “pic of the past” and Tom Hodgson’s information about it that I realized my error.

Thanks to Jenn Watt who creatively located that photo that connected so well with my memories of 1948-49.

I wonder why Fred Taylor was not in that picture?

He was seldom ill and would never have played “hooky.”

A final thought: Beware the mud. The hot sun thaws driveways as well as snow!



## Auxiliary makes big donation

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary president Jacquie Clarkson, left, and past president Tracey Lear presented a \$95,810 cheque (equal to the two years of purchases for the hospital) to Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Carolyn Plummer and interim vice-president of clinical services Linda Hunter on Tuesday, April 17 at the Haliburton hospital gift shop. The auxiliary has 63 men and women who volunteer. Lear said the volunteer work accounts for close to a \$2 million contribution to the Central East LHIN area, which includes 11 auxiliaries. The auxiliary will soon be adding contributions, which will total almost \$138,000 once invoices are submitted. Donations to the auxiliary are eligible for tax receipts since it is a registered charity. /DARREN LUM Staff



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2018-001 – Hewitt
  - Purpose and Effect: to legalize the location of an existing pump house, legalize the height of an existing private garage and to permit construction of an addition to a private garage on a property located in the WR6 and OS-2 zone:
    - a) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a one storey accessory building to have a maximum structure height of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 5.5 metres (18.04 feet).
    - b) An decrease to the provisions of Section 10.3.1.2 to permit a structure accessory to a dwelling to have a maximum water setback of 3 metres (9.843 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 30 metres (18.04 feet).
  - Location: Part of Lot 3, Concession 3, Part of Blocks I and K, Plan 585, Part 2, 19R-9195, in the geographic Township of Havelock (Red Pine Lake – 3295 West Shore Road).
2. D13-MV-2018-002 – Trigila
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit the expansion of a legal non-complying storage building on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
    - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.19(a)(vii) to permit an accessory building located in the WR4 zone to have a height of 4.75 metres (15.5 feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 4 metres (13 feet), which was set by Minor Variance D13-MV-2017-020.
  - Location: Part of Lots 26 and 27, Concession 5, Lot 80, Plan 513, in the geographic Township of Havelock (Little Kennis Lake – 2069 Watts Road).

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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### COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-040/17  
Applicant: Rene and Carole Cossette  
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 5, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.  
Nature of the Application: Easement for right-of-way

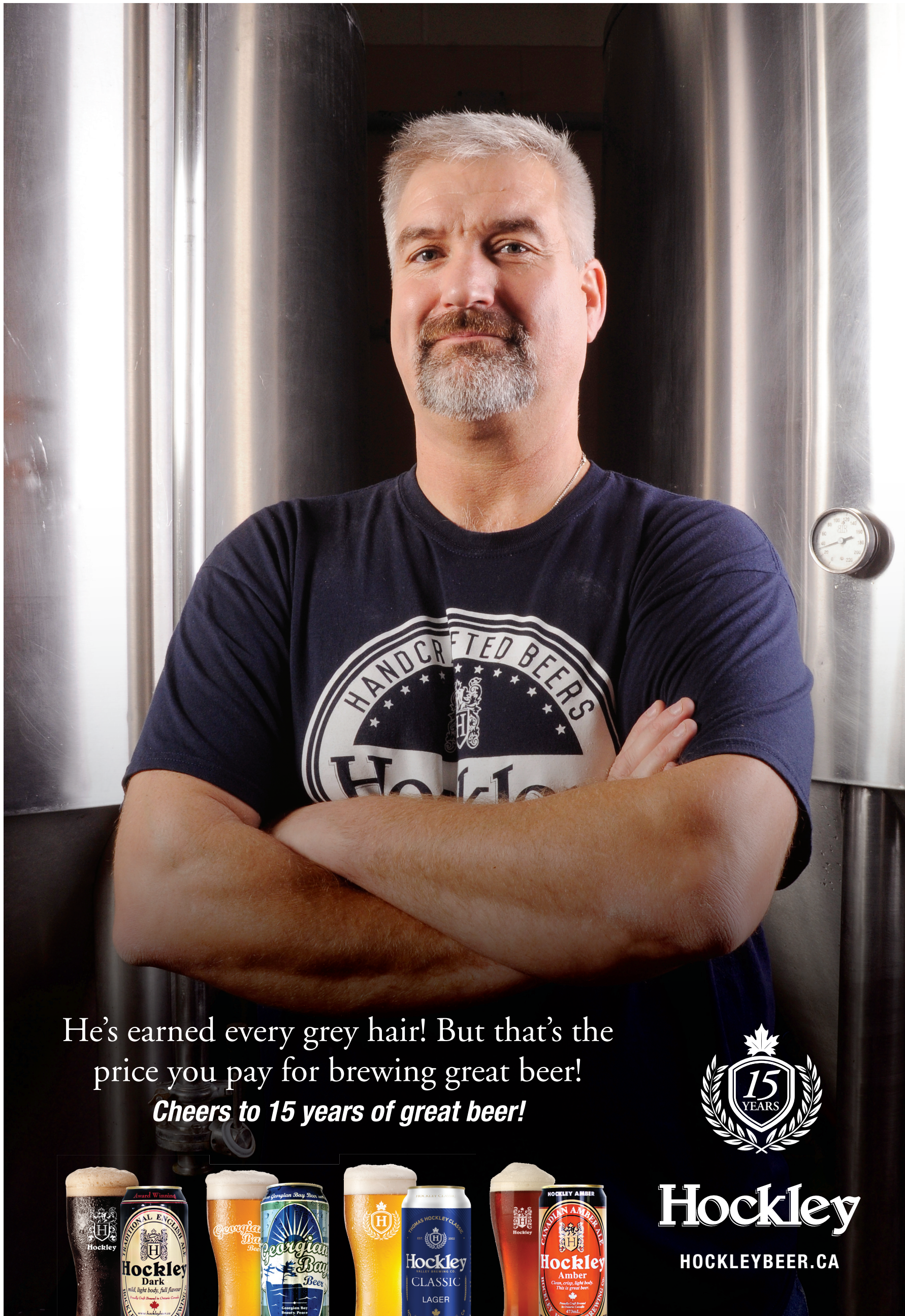
Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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## Kushog spray plan is up in the air

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Staff Reporter

Plans to spray an insecticide on Kushog Lake area trees are now up in the air pending a meeting later this week to discuss objections to the proposal.

A few weeks ago, the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association, KLPOA, sent a letter to 473 lakeside property owners proposing an aerial spraying of a biological substance, Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), over the properties of consenting owners. This is to provide some control over the expected massive infestation of forest tent caterpillars.

**"We feel caterpillars are a part of nature that occur on a regular basis... Yes, it is inconvenient, however, we are willing to put up with this as opposed to the abuse of our environment."**

"The forests, having to contend with acid rain and other pollutants, drought and changing weather conditions, are losing their ability to also fight off the devastation of the tent caterpillars," reads the letter. Whereas before the trees had the strength to survive the output of energy needed to provide a second growth of leaves, some people feel these other stresses are undermining the trees' natural resilience and now need man's help.

The letter stresses that Bt is "a naturally occurring soil bacteria, compatible with the environment. It has been in continuous use since the 1960's and has also undergone extensive laboratory testing... It is an environmentally compatible control agent which is fatal only to the caterpillar stage of insects in the moth and butterfly family. It is highly selective, that is, beneficial insects, birds, wildlife, pets, fish and people are not affected by it."

### Disagreement with plan

But the Martin brothers of Buckside Road disagree with such

statements, and the plan in general. Ken, Gord and Harry Martin have sent a letter to the association, not only objecting to the plan, but also saying that if any of their property is inadvertently sprayed, "we will be forced to pursue legal action."

Here, in part, are some of the points raised in their letter, dated April 3 and read at last Wednesday's Stanhope council meeting:

"We feel caterpillars are a part of nature that occur on a regular basis. We have lived with this mild inconvenience over the past 40 years in this area... Yes, it is inconvenient, however, we are willing to put up with this as opposed to the abuse of our environment."

"We are wary of the effects of this spray and its safety..."

"Our land occupies over 500 acres and the cost to spray this would be astronomical."

"Our well water comes from drainage within our property. The flow is an underground stream from the Kushog Lake area towards Halls Lake. We have pure water most of the year, but are very concerned about the effects this will have on our water supply and our resulting health problems."

"We are over 65 and we feel this makes our bodies more vulnerable to the effects of this spray."

"At our age, we do not feel that wandering around 500 acres of property to install marker balloons is an appropriate thing to do. (The association asked property owners not interested in the spray program to border their properties with balloons.) If you wish individual properties to be sprayed then install marker balloons within your properties."

"As your properties are very close together, please turn to page 10

## THE ONTARIO CHAMPS!!



### We're number one!!

Haliburton's OMHA Peewees celebrated their Ontario championship the traditional way, with a raucous ride through town on Monday afternoon. It was the first ever Peewee Ontario title for Haliburton. For a complete wrap-up, see page 8.

## No nuclear waste says Reeve Davis

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Staff Reporter

Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis is adamant that his township will not become the next dumping ground for "low level" nuclear waste.

Last week's snowstorm prevented him from getting to a Siting Task Force for Low Level Radioactive Waste in Peterborough. Local councillors had been invited to "exchange ideas" and were warned the hearings were not to be a forum for proposals.

"Participation in no way obliges your community to any future activities," the invitation read, but Davis wanted to make it absolutely clear that activities in Stanhope would never be welcome.

"There's no such thing as 'low level' nuclear waste," Davis says. "We just want them to stay out of here and we're not a bit interested in their so called low level waste."

While the province stresses that any sites would be chosen only if the township volunteers, Davis is afraid that if no volunteers show up, they might "take a notion" to start dumping in Stanhope.

When Davis's plan to attend the meeting were made known at last Wednesday's council meeting, councillors were in complete support of their reeve's stance.

Deputy Reeve Ann Barker said that Highway 35 provided a perfect route north from the Pickering Nuclear Station. Councillor Murray Daniels, while rejecting the notion, said he didn't think Stanhope would ever be chosen. "With all the lakes and rivers, I don't know how they could justify it."

## Asphalt or nothing: Highland Gate

by SUSAN GROBER  
Staff Reporter

Residents of Highland Gate Estates are unhappy with Minden council's offer to cover the roads in their subdivision with a tar and gravel mix, and may seek legal ac-

tion against the township to get their roads paved with hot-mix asphalt in accordance with a 1982 bylaw.

In a closed session last Thursday, council decided to cover the subdivision's roads with a low-cost bituminous treatment, as well as provide asphalt gutters on the steep hill leading to Deep Bay Road to han-

dle run-off. The cost estimated for this work is \$25,000.

Council also offered to pay \$25,000 to cover half the cost of asphalt paving, as long as the residents of Highland Gate paid the difference.

Doug Campbell, spokesman for the subdivision residents, has been living at Highland Gate Estates since last December and says he isn't satisfied with either proposal. He also doesn't think it's fair to include the asphalt gutters into the agreement, because "council is just making the residents pay for the cost of fixing up the townships mistakes."

"There's a fair downhill run down

to Deep Bay Road, and that used to be a two-lane entrance with a center boulevard strip. Then the town took over and approached the citizens about taking out the center strip, so most assumed that work was to precede a paving of the road. Now the strip is gone, the roads aren't paved and they're having problems with run-off. It isn't \$25,000 that they're offering at all. It's more like \$14,000 for road surface treatment."

Resident Paul Heffer was living in the subdivision when the median strip was removed to make maintenance and plowing more cost

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## 'Preservation of natural resources at risk'

The Minister of the Environment thinks we're beginning to win the battle

by SUSAN GROBER  
Staff Reporter

Ontario is winning the fight against acid rain, says environment minister Jim Bradley.

"In Ontario, we are moving steadily towards our goal of a 60 per cent province-wide cutback in emissions of sulphur dioxide," he says. "At the same time, we are working hard to persuade our American neighbors to follow our lead."

The environment minister was featured speaker at a meeting of the Federation Of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), at Scarborough's Renaissance Hotel. Bradley acknowledged FOCA's involvement in the Canadian Coalition On Acid

Rain, and says we must continue to put pressure on the United States to cut down on acid gas emissions.

The province's Countdown Acid Rain Abatement program is a major step toward reducing sulphur dioxide emissions across Ontario by 60 per cent of the 1980 base case levels by 1994.

"As cottagers, I know that you are concerned about the quality of our lakes, recreational land and forests," he says.

Bradley told cottagers that acid rain threatens, not only their investments in property, but also our natural resources.

Because of continuing acid rain from Canadian and U.S. sources, about 14,000 lakes in Eastern Canada are considered dead.

Bradley says the deposition rate of sulphur dioxide has been as high as 40 kilograms per hectare in some places. In Muskoka, the rate of wet acid deposition is about 32 kilograms per hectare.

**"Scientists are now telling us that the same pollution which causes acid rain also damages human health," environment minister Jim Bradley told members of FOCA at their spring seminar.**

Lakes, forests and wildlife are all being damaged by acid rain, says Bradley. When lakes acidify, the aquatic ecosystem is disrupted and fish, minnows, frogs and crayfish all disappear. Forests are dying because of polluting gases, he says.

"The preservation of the beautiful natural resources we

cherish is a risk, and scientists are now telling us that the same pollution which causes acid rain also damages human health," he says. "Many scientists and doctors are now convinced of the damage

done to our health by the gases that cause acid rain."

Sulphur dioxide is formed when the sulphur in ore, coal or oil is burned. This colorless gas is emitted from smokestacks, and since it is invisible, plants which appear to be clean may "spew out

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## Roles change in fire dept.

by LEN PIZZEY  
Editor

Dysart et al has a new fire chief, but he's certainly not new to the organization. On Monday, council confirmed the appointment of Lloyd 'Buck' Baker as chief of the volunteer brigade on an interim basis.

Baker takes over from Mike Stinson, who has stepped down to become deputy chief. Steve Roberts has also been named deputy chief of the department.

Reeve Murray Fearrey time

demands were the reason for the changes.

"Restrictions on (Stinson's) time were such that he agreed at this time to act as deputy chief," Fearrey said. Stinson is a full time employee of the Dysart roads department in addition to his fire department responsibilities. Baker, the most senior member of the department and one of the longest serving volunteer firefighters in Ontario, is retired.

Fearrey said Steve Roberts, a partner in Roberts Austin Fuels, has moved up to deputy chief for a training period, and council hopes he will be able to assume the duties of chief within a few months.



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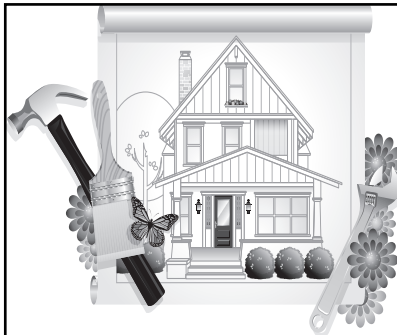
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## 580 NOTICES

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### With Heartfelt Gratitude

The Bishop Family would like to express heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of support following the recent passing of our parents, Bob and Noreen Bishop.

We are truly overwhelmed by the kind words, reminiscence, beautiful cards, flowers and donations to the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary.

To all the amazing medical staff that provided such, great care, compassion and professionalism, we cannot thank you enough!

We also want to thank the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their care and guidance.

Bob and Noreen loved their family, friends and life in Haliburton. They will be sadly missed but we are grateful for their lives well lived.

As Bob and Noreen expressed that there would not be any visitation or service following their passing, their children and family members extend an open invitation to meet with them at an "Open House" on Sunday, May 20th at Sir Sam's Ski Chalet between the hours of 2pm and 5pm.



This notice is to the public to inform that James Warren is in the arrears for rent at Blake Storage, 13513 Hwy 118, in Haliburton, Ont. Unit 12. Contents will be sold for back rent.



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### Morrison, Barbara

Passed away peacefully with family by her side, at Ross Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 15th.

Barbara at the age of 54, was the cherished wife and best friend, of Les Morrison in their 26th year of marriage. Loving mother of Jennifer (Chris), Spencer (Kesha), and Emily (Justin). Beloved Nana of Logan and Dawson. Loved daughter-in-law of Cecil and Betty Morrison of Bowmanville and sister-in-law of Bryan (Barb) and Donald (Shona). She will be dearly missed by her nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

As per Barbara's wishes, cremation has taken place. If desired, a memorial donation to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Online donations and condolences can be made through Mackey Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank their family and friends for their support during her illness, and the Ross Memorial Hospital palliative care team for their excellent care.



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